

Airport" each place it appears and inserting "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport":

(A) Subsection (b) of the first section of the Act of June 29, 1940 (54 Stat. 686, chapter 444).

(B) Sections 106 and 107 of the Act of October 31, 1945 (59 Stat. 553, chapter 443).

(C) Section 41714 of title 49, United States Code.

(D) Chapter 491 of title 49, United States Code.

(2) Section 41714(d) of title 49, United States Code, is amended in the subsection heading by striking "WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT" and inserting "RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT".

(b) OTHER REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Washington National Airport shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 349, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER).

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

All we are doing here today is adding the word "Washington" to the legislation that we passed yesterday. Yesterday we passed legislation renaming the airport the Ronald Reagan National Airport. We are taking the Senate version, which inserts the name "Washington" and makes it the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. By agreement with our friends on the other side, we do not expect a rollcall vote on this matter and expect it to move expeditiously.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in opposition to the conference report for all the reasons I articulated yesterday, and without recapitulating them, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN).

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) for yielding me this time.

I think that a recommittal would have been in order today personally, but we had a full debate yesterday. We understand that the majority of this Congress has chosen to rename this airport, and we respect the majority, obviously.

I do want to take a couple minutes here, because I do think that it should be said for the record that renaming this airport does constitute an unfunded Federal mandate on local governments. The cost involves more than just changing a few signs and reprinting stationery. Millions have been invested by the local governments, the private sector, the airlines, the travel hospitality industries to promote this region and identify Washington National as the gateway to the Nation's capital.

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So the Board of Trade's assessment is probably an understatement, that it would be confusing and expensive. The total amount might be in millions of dollars for new ad campaigns to associate the airport's new name with the location it serves.

We felt it was ironic that part of President Reagan's legacy was the successful transfer to local control of Washington National Airport. All of the locality organizations and the local governments oppose this.

But I think at this stage in the process, Mr. Speaker, that we want to also be clear that it is entirely appropriate to give some positive recognition to Ronald Reagan on his birthday. We felt it was not the appropriate recognition; but, given the fact that the majority of the Congress has spoken, I do not think that it would be appropriate to force people to go through what has got to be an embarrassing situation for the Reagan family and for everyone who wants to find an appropriate way to memorialize President Reagan.

He will be memorialized soon with the new Federal trade building, the aircraft carrier and so on. But if this is the wishes of the majority, then we will not ask for a recommittal. We will not ask for a rollcall vote. We will just ask that in the future, that the interests of the minority, and particularly of local governments, gain greater respect from the majority so that in the future we can be more consistent with what we thought was President Reagan's underlying philosophy that local governments ought to have greater say in the things that affect their daily lives.

So, with that, Mr. Speaker, I will sit down. I will not fight this battle again, at least this year. Maybe people will recognize that what goes around can come around. But at this point, I think the majority of this body would like to put this issue to rest and go home and try to deal with more constructive issues in the future.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I read in the morning papers that the President has said he will sign this bill. And, with that comment, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). All time for debate has expired.

The bill is considered read for amendment and, pursuant to House Resolution 349, the previous question is ordered.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A similar House bill (H.R. 2625) was laid on the table

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 1575, the Senate bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 182

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 182.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### DISAPPROVING THE CANCELLATIONS TRANSMITTED BY PRESIDENT ON OCTOBER 6, 1997, REGARDING PUBLIC LAW 105-45—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of the veto message and the bill (H.R. 2631) disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45, from the President of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

(For veto message, see proceedings of the House of November 13, 1997, Part II, at page H10942.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the further consideration of the veto message of the President on the bill (H.R. 2631) disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45.

The question is, Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

The gentleman from California (Mr. PACKARD) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HEFNER) for purposes of debate only, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the veto message and the bill, H.R. 2631, from the President of the United States, and that they may include tabular and extraneous materials.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?